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Patent Application**Inventor(s)** David M. Goldschlag et al.**Case** 112305CON**Conf. No.** 1089**Serial No.** 09/635,778**Group Art Unit** 3622**Filing Date** August 11, 2000**Examiner** James W. Myhre**Title** System and Method for Voting

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SIR:*Remarks*

In response to an Office action dated October 31, 2005, a reconsideration of the patentability of pending claims 13-27 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action dated October 31, 2005, the Examiner rejected pending claims 13-27 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6081793 (Challener et al.). In response, applicants assert that Challener et al. does not disclose or suggest any type of electronic transaction processor that "atomically binds" a first element to a second element, and in forming a response transmits a first element "atomically bound" to a second element. As discussed in applicant's specification,"[t]he

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initialization request message can be atomically bound to the initialization response message by including in both a secret encrypted session key that reliably identifies both messages as being bound to each other ... The transaction request message atomically binds an unblinded certificate with a blinded unvalidated certificate to be validated. In one embodiment of the present invention, the blinded unvalidated certificate is a blinded hashed nonce".

Without this teaching of being "atomically bound" in Challener et al., applicant asserts that Challener et al. cannot be found to anticipate the subject matter of claims 13-27 as required by the specifics of 35 USC 102(e).

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider this rejection and find claims 13-27 to be in condition for allowance. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not believe that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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